



VICE-ADMIRAL AVELLAN.

Vice-Admiral Avellan is Marine Minister of Russia, and consequently one of the busiest men in the empire at the present time.

SOCIALISTS NAME TICKET

Partial Nominations are Made While Political Committee Will Fill Vacancies.

J. F. WELCH FOR SHERIFF

Democrats Express Some Concern Regarding Vote to Be Cast as it is Thought Old Line Party Will Suffer.

The socialists of Clatsop county met in convention at the court house last night and nominated a partial ticket for the approaching county election. As is usually the case, considerable difficulty was experienced in getting candidates. However, a number of men were named, and the political committee will fill the vacancies.

The convention organized by electing J. F. Welch as chairman and D. T. Gerdes as secretary. There were 40 or 45 men in attendance. The ticket named was as follows:

For representatives—C. F. Wilcutt and Thomas Nelson.

For county commissioner—W. G. Z. Steele.

For sheriff—J. F. Welch.

For county clerk—B. D. Sloop.

For treasurer—Thomas Bush.

For assessor—No nomination.

For surveyor—No nomination.

For school superintendent—No nomination.

For coroner—No nomination.

Several resolutions were adopted, including a protest against the action

of the Colorado military authorities in their harsh dealing with the laboring men of the state. The proposed state constitution of the socialist party was also adopted. This constitution is to be adopted by means of the initiative and referendum amendment to the state laws.

A prominent member of the party said last night the socialists would endeavor to make a good showing in the coming election. There are three "locals" in Clatsop county, but the number of members could not be secured. One of the locals is in West Astoria, and this is believed to be the strongest, as the Finnish people have taken up with socialist teachings. One local is at Knappa and its membership is stated to be 20.

The effect of the nomination of the socialist ticket on the local political situation is causing some speculation among politicians, especially those of the democratic faith. Two years ago the socialists polled 190 votes for the state ticket, and if they do as well this year for the county ticket they will handicap the democratic ticket, as most of the socialists would, it is asserted, support the democratic nominees in preference to the republican. When D. T. Gerdes was the socialist candidate for congress in this district he received 409 votes in Clatsop county, the vote being unusually large because Mr. Gerdes is an Astorian.

Philippine Islands Bill.

Washington, April 13.—Under special rule the house today devoted itself to a consideration of the bill amending the law relating to the Philippine islands. Provision in reference to granting railroad franchises and the guaranteeing of five per cent on the cash capital actually invested in such railroads was opposed by Jones, of Virginia, who alleged that British and Belgian capitalists were ready to build roads without such guarantee.

SHELL FLIES WIDE OF MARK

Strenuous Target Practice at Fort Stevens Nearly Causes Fisherman's Death.

BURSTING GUN THE CAUSE

Screeching Projectile Creates Alarm and Confusion as it Wings its Flight Toward Distant Boat.

The following story comes from Ilwaco:

A misguided shell from one of the huge guns which tower from Fort Stevens'rowning fortress and o'er-sweep the Columbia's mouth plainly showed the damage it was capable of wreaking on an enemy's ship during the regular practice of the artillery troops Saturday afternoon. Incident, ally it served to impress on a party of peaceable fishermen, who were mending their nets on the beach opposite the fort and escaped from harm's way only by the narrowest margin, that the screech of a shell is not the most pleasant sound in the world, especially from in front of the gun.

Target practice had proceeded for several hours at Fort Stevens without mishap when the accident occurred. After discharging several shells with various results of accuracy, one of the big 6-inch disappearing guns burst, and with a deafening roar its shell went whizzing forward, but at a considerably different angle than aimed.

On Sand Island, which is just opposite the bar, some two miles away, fishermen were repairing their fishing gear. One of the number noticed a peculiar report from the fort, and almost instantly the screech of a shell could be plainly heard, gradually growing louder. Before any of the men could realize what had happened the projectile struck the ground only a few feet away and disappeared.

An examination revealed the fact that the shell had sunk only a few inches beneath the surface, but had traveled fully half a mile in the soft ocean sand before its fury was spent.

WILLIAMSON THE CHOICE.

Receives Unanimous Support at District Convention.

Portland, April 13.—With a storm of ayes that resounded throughout the convention hall, John N. Williamson was unanimously nominated for reelection by the Second district republican convention this afternoon. His nomination was followed by thunderous applause, in which the Moody delegates participated with a vim. Williamson was placed in nomination by N. C. Richards, of Sumpter, in an eloquent address, in which he paid a high tribute to the personality of the congressman.

His speech was seconded by Judge J. C. Moreland, of Multnomah.

A burst of applause followed when N. Whealdon, of Wasco, arose, and on behalf of that county—Moody's stronghold—moved that nominations be closed, and that the unanimous vote of the convention be cast for Williamson. As already stated, the motion carried unanimously.

The convention adopted resolutions commending the present administra-

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RESOURCES

Loans and discounts.....	\$368,687 61
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	6,349 01
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	12,500 00
Stocks, securities, etc.	72,700 00
Other real estate owned	6,000 00
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)	2,595 57
Due from State Banks and Bankers	84,254 61
Due from approved reserve agents	119,139 60
Checks and other cash items	297 87
Notes of other National Banks	390 00
Nickles and Cents	108 74
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz:	
Specie	\$121,000 00
Legal tender notes	120 00 121,120 00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of Circulation)	625 00
Total	\$784,768 61
LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in	\$ 50,000 00
Surplus fund	50,000 00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid....	19,968 77
National Bank notes outstanding	12,500 00
Individual deposits subject to check	\$511,399 23
Demand certificates of deposit 141,042 98	
Certified checks	57 00 662,399 24
Total	\$784,768 61

I, S. S. Gordon, Cashier of the above named bank do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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Correct—Attest:
G. C. FLAVEL,
W. F. MCGREGOR,
W. M. LADD,
Directors.

tion and the delegation to the national convention was instructed to vote and work for the re-nomination of President Theodore Roosevelt.

NEWS STIRS UP FEELING.

High Circles in St. Petersburg Conternated Over Report Concerning Battle.

St. Petersburg, April 13.—The Petropalvask disaster has created a profound impression in official, naval and military circles where the feeling is one of consternation. The officers speak of the catastrophe with the deepest emotion. The news has only been circulated among high and middle classes and as yet it has not reached the populace. Consequently there are no scenes in the streets this evening and no special editions of the newspapers have been issued.

Morgan Attacks Canal Co.

Washington, April 13.—The senate today began the consideration of the bill providing for the government of the Panama canal zone. The greater part of the day was occupied by Mr. Morgan in support of the amendments offered by himself. None of them was accepted, and the reading of the bill was nearly half completed. Morgan attacked the new Panama Canal Company and contended the United States should proceed to carry into effect provisions of the treaty with Panama regardless of the demands of that company.

Dazzled By Search Lights.

Portsmouth, April 13.—A night attack on Portsmouth harbor has been arranged for the delectation of Prince Henry of Prussia who is here as a guest of Admiral Sir John Fisher. The prince and admiral were watching the maneuvers when the Teaser's officers were dazzled by the searchlights. The vessel crashed full speed into the sea wall and grounded.

Second Bombardment On.

Chefoo, April 13.—An unconfirmed report from Japanese sources states that the Japanese re-opened the bombardment of Port Arthur at seven o'clock this, Wednesday, morning. The vessels are maneuvering in a circle before the fort. This action evidently followed the one reported earlier in the day.

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